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INTERLEAVING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND  
INTERLEAVING/DE-INTERLEAVING SYSTEM AND  
APPARATUS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37  
C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2002, please amend the  
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